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SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL: REPLACEMENT OF UN FIELD OPERATIONS
SERVICE DIRECTOR

1. GEORGE LANSKY (US, D-2), INCUMBENT OF SUBJECT POSITION,
WILL REACH RETIREMENT AGE DECEMBER THIS YEAR. ASYG FOR
GENERAL SERVICES TIMBRELL (US) HAS SUBMITTED RECOMMENDA-
TION FOR LANSKY'S EXTENSION TO UN PERSONNEL DIVISION.

2. COLONEL WILLIAM R.D. JONES, DEPUTY US ARMY REPRESENTATIVE
TO UN MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE, IS STRONGLY INTERESTED IN
EMPLOYMENT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS. JONES CAN RETIRE FROM
US ARMY AT END CURRENT ASSIGNMENT THIS JUNE OR JULY AND
COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT BY UN AS UNDERSTUDY
AND ULTIMATE SUCCESSOR TO LANSKY UPON LATTER'S RETIREMENT.
USUN BELIEVES THAT, WITH STRONG ENDORSEMENT FROM USG,
UN WOULD MAKE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY TO
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JONES ABOARD.

3. USUN CONSIDERS JONES IDEAL SUCCESSOR TO LANSKY. AS
ANCILLARY TO JONES' ASSIGNMENT HERE, HE IS EFFECTIVELY
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR 38 US MILITARY OBSERVERS
ASSIGNED TO UNTSO. THESE DUTIES HAVE AFFORDED HIM THE
OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME FULLY CONVERSANT WITH ALL ASPECTS

OF UN OBSERVER OPERATIONS. JONES' ASSIGNMENT HAS
COINCIDED WITH INAUGURATION OF FOUR SIGNIFICANT MIDDLE
EASTERN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS:

- UNEF II, UNDOF, SINAI II UNEF REDEPLOYMENT, AND
- UNIFIL

PLANNING STAGES OF MILITARY ASPECTS OF EACH OF THESE
OPERATIONS HAVE CALLED FOR DEFT AND POLITICALLY
SOPHISTICATED HANDLING FROM US SIDE. FURTHER, EACH
OPERATION HAS REQUIRED SIGNIFICANT BROAD SCALE LOGISTICAL
SUPPORT FROM US MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. SUCCESS OF EACH
OPERATION HAS REQUIRED HARMONIZATION OF TOTALLY
DISSIMILAR UN PEACEKEEPING AND US MILITARY SUPPLY
SYSTEMS. JONES HAS DEMONSTRATED GREAT ABILITY AND SKILL
IN HIS PRAGMATIC MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPLEX RELATIONSHIPS
AMONG USUN, DEPARTMENT, JCS AND THE UN IN EACH
INSTANCE. HIS EXPERIENCE, INITIATIVE, GENUINE TALENT
AND ABUNDANT COMMON SENSE GREATLY FACILITATED THE
SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THE US ROLE IN UNIFIL, OUR
LATEST - AND MOST FAST MOVING - MIDDLE EAST EPISODE.

4. JONES IS KEENLY ENOUGH INTERESTED IN WORKING FOR THE
UN TO PASS UP OTHER, FINANCIALLY MORE ATTRACTIVE OFFERS,
BUT HE MUST MAKE SOME FINAL DECISIONS BY APRIL 4 AT THE
LATEST. USUN REALIZES IT WOULD BE FORMIDABLE UNDERTAKING
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TO NAIL DOWN A UN OPPORTUNITY FOR JONES WITHIN THIS TIME
FRAME, BUT NEVERTHELESS STRONGLY RECOMMENDS PROMPT
AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO. JONES IS A SUFFICIENTLY VALUABLE,
UNIQUELY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR POSITION TO JUSTIFY SUCH
AN ALL-OUT EFFORT.

5. JONES IS A KNOWN QUANTITY TO UN. USYG URQUHART (UK),
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR WEBB AND ASYG TIMBRELL
ALL HAVE INTERVIEWED JONES AND ARE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED
WITH HIS QUALIFICATIONS. URQUHART, PARTICULARLY, HAS TOLD
JONES AND SENIOR USUN OFFICIALS THAT HE WANTS JONES FOR A
SENIOR UN MANAGEMENT POSITION. LEONARD

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